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SEOUL FOR ADVANCE PARTY - HUNT/CLIFFORD

FROM THOMPSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD R)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO VLADIVOSTKO - SOVIET ESCORT

CREWS; ITINERARIES FOR SUBSEQUENT SAM FLIGHTS TO VLADIVOSTOK

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1. TOKYO AEROFLOT OFFICE (SMIRNOV) CONTACTED ADVANCE PARTY (THOMPSON) TO REPORT ARRIVAL OF SOVIET ESCORT CREW (URONOV AND GONCHARENKO) AND ASK HOW THEY WOULD BE TRANSPORTED TO YOKOTA AFB. THOMPSON ADVISED SMIRNOV THAT LATEST ITINERARY (REFTEL B) CALLS FOR ESCORT CREW TO BOARD AT TOKYO, AND THAT CREW SHOULD THEREFORE REMAIN IN TOKYO, WHERE US SIDE WILL ARRANGE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AIRPORT. FYI. CAPT ANDERSEN HAS ARRIVED TOKYO AND WILL
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HANDLE LIAISON WITH SOVIET CREW. END FYI.

3. SMIRNOV OBSERVED THAT ESCORT CREW WOULD STAY WITH FLIGHT OUT OF VLADIVOSTOK AND ON TO NEW YORK (SIC). THOMPSON SAID US SIDE HAD BEEN UNCERTAIN OF SOVIET CREW'S TRAVEL PLANS. SMIRNOV SAID SOVIET SIDE DOESN'T CARE, BUT ASSUMES ANY ONWARD TRAVEL WILL BE RESPONSIBILITY OF USG. AIR FORCE MAY THEREFORE WANT TO CONSIDER LEAVING ESCORT CREW AT ELMENDORF FOR USE IN ESCORTING POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT SAM FLIGHT WHICH WILL NOT NEED TO TRANSIT JAPAN.

4. IT IS NEVERTHELESS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT NEXT SAM INTO VLADIVOSTOK HAVING EXCESS PAX/CARGO CAPACITY DO RPT DO TRANSIT JAPAN (TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PREFERRED) NOT ONLY TO PICK UP SOVIET ESCORT CREW, BUT ALSO TO PICK UP US SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN VLADIVOSTOK. PRESUMABLY THIS WILL BE C-141 CARRYING WHCA PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT.

5. IN THIS REGARD, FROM THE BEGINNING (MOSCOW 16698, STATE 241958), IT HAS BEEN PLANNED TO BRING SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT INTO VLADIVOSTOK FROM JAPAN. THIS DECISION WAS NECESSITATED BY SOVIET-INTRANSIGENCE IN REFUSING TRAVEL TO VLADIVOSTOK BY MORE THAN FIVE EMBASSY MOSCOW PERSONNEL AND BY EXTREMELY DIFFICULT LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS OF MATERIAL SUPPORT FROM MOSCOW, AND HAS COUNTED ON AVAILABILITY OF C-141 TRANSITING JAPAN WITH EXCESS PAX/CARGO SPACE.

6. FYI. SMIRNOV OF AEROFLOT ADVISED THAT FIVE ADDITIONAL SOVIET AIR CREW MEMBERS WILL BE ARRIVING IN TOKYO O/A NOVEMBER 11 FOR USE IN ESCORTING SUBSEQUENT SAM FLIGHTS INTO VLADIVOSTOK. END FYI.

7. PLEASE NOTIFY USDAO TOKYO ASAP OF PLANNED TRANSIT STOPS AT TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO PERMIT TIMELY APPLICATION FOR JAPANESE TRANSIT CLEARANCE.
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